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SUBJ: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO ROME -- SCHEDULE REVISION

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1. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENTIAL ENOVY TO VATICAN DISCUSSED MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT WITH MSGR. CAPRIO, POPE PAUL'S CHIEF DIPLOMATIC ADVISER. CAPRIO STATED THAT HIS HOLINESS CHOULD RECEIVE MISS LILLIAN FOLLOWING THE TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF PILGRIMS ON SUNDAY, JULY 23 AT 12:15 AT THE SUMMER RESIDENCE IN CASTEL GANDOLFO. WHEN INFORMED OF OUR STRONG PREFERENCE FOR AN AUDIENCE ON
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SATURDAY, CAPRIO STATED THAT SATURDAY WOULD BE QUOTE IMPOSSIBLE UNQUOTE SINCE MEDICAL ADVISERS HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT POPE PAUL TAKE AN ABSOLUTE REST FOR FIFTEEN DAYS FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL AT CASTEL GANDOLFO, WHICH IS PLANNED FOR ABOUT JULY 15. END CONFIDENTIAL

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAPRIO ALSO STATED THAT MISS

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LILLIAN COULD BE ACCOMPANIED IN THE AUDIENCE BY ONLY ONE OTHER
PERSON FROM HER PARTY.

3. VATICAN DECISION NECESSITATES MODIFICATION OF
SCHEDULE TRANSMITTED REFTEL. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED
REVISED SCHEDULE FOR JULY 22 AND 23:

SATURDAY, JULY 22:
0845 MISS LILLIAN DEPARTS VILLA TAVERNA
0900 ARRIVAL RAI CHANNEL I STUDIO FOR TV INTERVIEW
1000 DEPART TV STUDIO EITHER FOR TOURISM OR FOR RETURN
RETURN TO VILLA TAVERNA AND INTERVIEWS WITH
AMERICAN JOURNALISTS.
NOTE: MORNING WOULD BE FREE FOR REMAINDER OF PARTY.
1900 RECEPTION BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GARDNER IN
HONOR OF MISS LILLIAN FOR ITALIAN LEADERS,
TOP LEVEL OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY,
AND STUDENTS. DRESS: LONG DRESS/DARK SUIT.
2100 RECEPTION CONCLUDES

SUNDAY, JULY 23:
0930 MEMBERS OF PARTY STAYING AT HOTEL EXCELSIOR
LEAVE FOR CASTEL GANDOLFO. LADIES SHOULD WEAR
MANTILLAS AND DARK-COLORED CONSERVATIVE DRESSES WITH SLEEVES.
0945 MISS LILLIAN AND OTHER VILLA TAVERNA GUESTS LEAVE
FOR CASTEL GANDOLFO.
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1030 ARRIVAL AT CASTEL GANDOLFO AND BEGINNING OF TOUR
OF GARDENS AND PAPAL FARM.
1130 TOUR CONCLUDES. MISS LILLIAN AND ONE OTHER MEMBER
OF PARTY PROCEED TO AUDIENCE ROOM. REMAINDER OF PARTY
PROCEEDS TO PAPAL PALACE SQUARE TO WITNESS PAPAL BLESSING
OF PILGRIMS.
1200 PAPAL BLESSING.
1215 PRIVATE AUDIENCE FOR MISS LILLIAN AND ONE OTHER MEMBER
OF PARTY WITH HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI BEGINS.
1215 REMAINDER OF PARTY DEPARTS FOR CIAMPINO AIRPORT.
1245 REMAINDER OF PARTY ARRIVES CIAMPINO AND BOARDS
AIRCRAFT AFTER COFFEE IN VIP LOUNGE.
1300 AUDIENCE CONCLUDES.
1305 MISS LILLIAN DEPARTS FOR CIAMPINO AIRPORT.
1320 MISS LILLIAN ARRIVES CIAMPINO. BRIEF, INFORMAL FAREWELL.
1330 WHEELS UP FOR MOROCCO.

4. VISIT TO SISTINE CHAPEL ON JULY 21 AT 1530 CONFIRMED.

5. REQUEST APPROVAL OF FOREGOING OR COMMENTS AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.GARDNER

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